(d) when the Uri project is being taken in hand and what is the progress so far made in respect of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Two Hydro-electric Projects namely, Salal (3x115 MW) and Dulhasti (3x130 MW) in J&K, are presently under execution in the Central Sector through the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC).

(b) and (c) All the major works of the Salal Project are in an advanced stage of completion and the project is scheduled to be commissioned in March, 1987. At the Dulhasti HE Project infrastructural works are in progress.

The two transmission lines from Salal to Jammu and to Udhampur, included under the scope of the transmission system associated with the Salal Project, have been completed.

(d) The Uri Hydro-electric Project has been techno-economically approved by the Central Electricity Authority and is proposed to be executed in the Central Sector.

Working of Barkakana Colliery

606. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether four shovels working in Barkakana Colliery (C.C.L.) have been damaged badly causing loss of several crores; and

(b) if so, whether responsibility has been fixed on the persons whose neglect has resulted in this mishap and what steps are being taken to see that this type of mistake is not repeated?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. It is a fact that due to heavy incessant rainfall on 6 July 1986, four shovels working at Bhurkunda colliery of Barkakana area of Central Coalfields Limited were damaged resulting in some loss. A High Powered Enquiry Committee constituted immediately after the incident had found that there was some lapse on the part of two officers. These two officers have been warned. Steps are being taken to ensure that such mishaps do not occur in future.

Coal from Bokaro Colliery

607. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal supplied by the Bokaro colliery under Central Coalfields Limited to Kargali washery has been shown in excess by manipulating weighment cards issued by the washery in the years 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86 upto the month of June;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what is the quantity of coal shown above the actual supplies and how much money is involved in this regard and what steps are being taken to check this malpractice;

(c) whether Government propose to hand over the matter to CBI; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (d) There is no discrepancy in the coal despatched from Bokaro Colliery and received at the Kargali Washery. However, surprise checks conducted by the colliery management revealed some overwritings in the counterfoils of the weighments received from the washery for the billing purpose which resulted in inflated wage bill